

Designed and Built by God

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Introduction: Earthly Man--Designed and Built by God

Genesis 1:26-27 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; **male and female created he them.**

Our Earthly Body as Designed by God---10 Miraculous Things About Your Body—All Pro Dad

- **100 trillion cells started with one.** Your body is made up of approximately 100 trillion cells. They all came from the division of one single cell. Every minute, 300 million cells die, but that's really just a small fraction of the total cells we have. We produce 300 billion new cells every day and your body is constantly repairing and rebuilding
- **Your brain is an amazing super-computer.** The brain is composed of 80 percent water. The brain can hold five times as much information as the *Encyclopedia Britannica*. Nerve impulses travel at 170 miles per hour. Oh, and it does all this on the same amount of power as a 10-watt light bulb.
-----10-watt bulb uses about \$0.03 per day @ \$0.12 kWh///\$0.08 per month///\$10.52 per year-----
- **The human heart** pumps blood through 60,000 miles of veins and capillaries. The heart pumps 6 quarts of blood, circulating three times every minute. In one day, your blood travels a total of 12,000 miles.
- **The skin is the ultimate touch screen.** Each square inch of your skin includes four yards of nerve fibers, 600 pain sensors, 1300 nerve cells, 9000 nerve endings, 36 heat sensors, 75 pressure sensors, 100 sweat glands, 3 million cells, and 3 yards of blood vessels.
- **The liver performs over 400 functions**, including detoxification, protein synthesis, and the production of biochemicals necessary for digestion. However, you could have two-thirds of your liver removed from trauma or surgery, and it would grow back to its original size in four weeks.
- **Our fingerprints** indicate the true miracle of who you are. "Just three months into a pregnancy, an unborn child already has fingerprints. At just 6 to 13 weeks of development, your distinctive markings have already developed. Interestingly, those fingerprints will never change throughout a person's life.
And your fingerprints are your own unique bar code indicating a true miracle

I. The Church— Matthew 16:18 I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.-- AS MAN WAS BUILT by an all-wise and knowing GOD--THE CHURCH WAS BUILT AND IS OPERATED with EVEN More Wisdom by the same Divine Creator

II. TWELVE TRUTHS IN THE BIBLE ABOUT THE CHURCH

- 1) **Built upon the Foundation of Christ -- Matthew 16 Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.**¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.¹⁸ And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and **upon this rock ...**

Ephesians 2:20 And *(all Christians)* are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;**

EVERY DENOMINATION IS INCLUDED IF THE FOUNDATIONAL TEACHING IS CHRIST!

- 2) **Designed to be Controlled by Christ Himself-- AS THE HEAD**

Ephesians 1:22 And *(God)* hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

- 3) **Designed for an Important Task**

Ephesians 4:12 *For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

- 4) **Equipped with Supernatural Power**

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 ³For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:⁴(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) **Acts 1:8** But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth

- 5) **Given Special Gifts**

I Corinthians 11: 7-12 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.⁸For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;⁹To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;¹⁰To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: ¹¹But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. ¹²For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

- 6) **Designed to be Operated by Corporate and Private Prayer –**

James 5:13-15 ¹³Is any among you afflicted? **let him pray.** Is any merry? let him sing psalms. ¹⁴Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and **let them pray over him,** anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:¹⁵ And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him

- 7) **Designed to Use Earthly Leaders who are under the guidance of the Holy Spirit**

Ephesians 4:8,11 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men ¹¹And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

I Corinthians 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

- 8) **Designed to Use Sub-Leaders and Every Member**

Romans 12: 4-8 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: ⁵So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. ⁶Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;⁷Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;⁸Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness

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9) Designed to be Undefeatable and Forward Moving—

I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail—FORWARD MOVING TOWARD THE GATES OF HELL

10) Designed to be Multi-Generationally Connected— One Generation Teaches Another, moves out of the way, and Leaves Behind the Work for Others to Continue.

**11) Designed to OPERATE Both- Individually/Uniquely and ALSO as a World-wide Unit—
*local church, community church, city, county, state, country, English section, the whole world***

**12) CLOSING---Designed with an Everlasting Purpose and an Eternal Future
THE BRIDE OF CHRIST**

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Rev 21:5,7 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, **I make all things new.** And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. **He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.**

All Things New

1. *New Resurrected Body—If the Old Body was made so superbly to last for 100 years, how much greater will the eternal body be designed and built for us!*
2. *New Home—A New Home to own for ever and ever!*
3. *New Covenant with God—Built on better Promises—Dwelling Face-to-face with God*
4. *New Environment—no longer in a world of sin, devils, evil, or old fallen carnal natures*
5. *New Fellowship—Unnumberable company of Angels—Unnumberable company of Saints from all over the world and from all past generations*

Ephesians 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;